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ABSTRACT

A detailed description of the machine-readable catalog (*Astron. Astrophys.* 108, L7) is given. The machine version contains the same data as the published table, including a second file with the notes. These computerized data files were prepared at the Astronomical Data Center, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

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SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION AND SOURCE REFERENCE

The machine-readable catalog *A Table of Redshifts for Abell Clusters* gives redshifts for 329 Abell clusters, all those known to the authors in published or preprint form at the time of the compilation (through 1982). The data table has been compiled critically, based partially on a number of photometric distance estimators derived from the redshift data. These were used to evaluate probable accuracies of the redshifts and to resolve discrepancies among different values for the same clusters. Notes on detected discrepancies and cluster identifications based on the photometric estimators are contained in the second file of the machine catalog, and are flagged in the data records. These notes should always be consulted when using the tabulated redshifts.

This document describes the machine-readable redshifts table as it was prepared at and is being distributed by the Astronomical Data Center. It is intended to enable users to read and process the data and notes without problems or guesswork. Additional details concerning the compilation and critical evaluation of these redshift data can be found in the source reference. This document should accompany any copy of the machine-readable catalog.

SOURCE REFERENCE

Sarazin, C. L., Rood, H. J. and Struble, M. F. 1982, *Astron. Astrophys.* 108, L7.

SECTION 2 - TAPE CONTENTS

Byte-by-byte descriptions of the contents of the data and notes files of the catalog *A Table of Redshifts for Abell Clusters* are given in Tables 1 and 2. The suggested format specifications apply to FORTRAN formatted read statements and can be modified depending upon individual programming and processing requirements. Values of varying precision are given for the redshift data; thus, it is recommended that these data be read with an A format and evaluated before being used in computations. Alternate format specifications are given in parentheses.

Table 1. Tape Contents. *A Table of Redshifts for Abell Clusters*. Data File.

Byte(s)	Suggested Format	Default Value	Description
1- 5	A5 (A1,I4)	---	Abell cluster number (Abell 1958).
6	A1	blank	Asterisk (*) if there is a note in file 2 for this cluster.
7-12	F6.4 (A6)	---	The redshift, z . The precision varies and is based on the estimated accuracy of the determination. When values are given to fewer than four decimal places, the remaining bytes are blank.
13	1X	---	Blank
14-16	I3	blank	Number of redshifts of different galaxies averaged to determine the cluster value (if given in the original reference).
17	1X	---	Blank
18-20	A3	---	Reference code for the source of the determination. Lower case letters are present. Code references are given in file 2.

The notes are contained in the second file. The beginning of the file lists the coded references referred to in bytes 18-20 of the data records. The notes follow and are contained in uniform records described in Table 2.

Table 2. Tape Contents. A Table of Redshifts for Abell Clusters. Notes File.

Byte(s)	Description
1- 5	Abell cluster number.
6- 7	Blank
8	Integer used to sequentially number remarks for the same cluster.
9-80	Remarks in upper and lower case characters.

SECTION 3 - TAPE CHARACTERISTICS

The information contained in Table 3 is sufficient for a user to describe the indigenous characteristics of the two files of *A Table of Redshifts for Abell Clusters* to a computer. Information easily varied from installation to installation, such as block size (physical record length), blocking factor (number of logical records per physical record), total number of blocks, tape density, and internal coding (EBCDIC, ASCII, etc.) is not included. These parameters should always be supplied if secondary copies are transmitted to other installations. Parameters relating to the two files of the catalog are separated by commas.

Table 3. Tape Characteristics. *A Table of Redshifts for Abell Clusters*.

NUMBER OF FILES	2
LOGICAL RECORD LENGTH (BYTES)	20, 80
RECORD FORMAT	FB*
TOTAL NUMBER OF LOGICAL RECORDS	329, 102

* Fixed block length (last block may be short)

SECTION 4 - REMARKS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND REFERENCES

The data and notes files of *A Table of Redshifts for Abell Clusters* were created at the Astronomical Data Center by keying the data directly to a computer disk. The data were listed, checked against the source reference, and transferred to magnetic tape.

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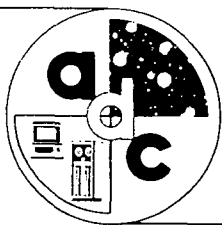
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SECTION 5 - SAMPLE LISTING

The sample listing given on the following pages contains logical data records exactly as they are recorded on the tape. Groups of records from the beginning and end of each file of the catalog are illustrated. The beginning of each record and bytes within the record are indicated by the column heading index across the top of each page (digits read vertically).



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